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For : WATER-PURIFY SOLID MATERIAL MADE OF A NATURAL RAW  
MATERIAL CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDES AS PRINCIPAL  
COMPONENTS, AND WATER-PURIFYING METHOD USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on April 2, 2009, Applicants timely file this response and believe a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, the undersigned authorizes the charge of any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.